(d) As regards Khadi/handloom, no relaxation has been given to any zonal railway.

Removal of encroachment from railway lands

2525. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have taken any actions during 2005 to remove encroachments from their land particularly around big stations;

(b) if so, the extent of the land retrieved around big stations; and

(c) if reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARAINBHAI RATHWA): (a) and (b) Railways have removed encroachments from Railway land, including the land around railway stations big or small, and retrieved approximately 89 hectare of Railway land from encroachers during the calender year 2005.

(c) Does not arise.

Examinations/Interviews conducted by RRB

2526. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of examinations/interviews conducted by Railway Recruitment Board for appointments in North-Frontier Railway during the last two years;

(b) whether selections have been made against each category for which examinations were conducted;

(c) how many people have been selected from Assam, more particularly from Barak Valley, category-wise; and

(d) how many vacancies still exist in the NF Railway and when they are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARAINBHAI RATHWA): (a) 2004-05—10 examinations, 2005-06—09 examinations and 06 days interview.